



2019 Legislative Session

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Transportation

- H.B. 511 – Rural Transit Bill – **DID NOT PASS**
 - Major reconfiguration of rural transit services statewide
 - New State-level Department of Mobility & Innovation
 - Unique funding options
- H.B. 454 – Scooter Regulation / Electric Bike Regulation - **PASSED**
 - Scooter language stripped out on Senate side, replaced with bike language
- H.R. 37 – Joint Commission on Freight & Logistics - **PASSED**
 - Will work through the end of the year on final component of transportation refinement
- Motor-Fuel Tax Exemption – H.B. 48 – **DID NOT PASS**

Workforce Development

- H.B. 123 – State Workforce Board Move – **DID NOT PASS**
 - Moved State Workforce Board *back* to the Department of Labor
 - Supported by Governor Kemp
 - Senate counterpart S.B. 181 also failed to move
 - Language authorizing the move later appeared in H.B. 373 in Senate floor amendment
 - That language was subsequently taken out back in the House
 - State Workforce Board will remain, for the time being, under the Technical College System
- No movement on expanding options for participating in workforce board meetings remotely

Aging Services

- Appropriations
 - Modest funding increases in a number of areas:
 - Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)
 - Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)
 - Assistive Technologies
 - Home Delivered Meals
- H.B. 514 – Georgia Behavioral Health & Innovation Commission – **PASSED**
 - Will work through 2023
- H.R. 533 – Study Committee on Innovative Financial Options for Senior Living – **PASSED**

Housing

- H.B. 302 – Building Design Ordinances – **DID NOT PASS**
 - Impose State authority to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing certain building ordinances or regulations
 - ARC Board passed resolution opposing 302 and Senate counterpart, S.B. 172 during February meeting
 - Neither bill crossed over
- H.R. 591 – House Study Cmte on Workforce Housing – **PASSED**
 - Will examine issue that arose from the H.B. 302 debate
 - Will only contain five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker
 - Industry specialists and local electeds were suggested as members per amendment in committee that failed

Other Legislation of Interest that Passed

- **H.B. 186** – Final version contained “Certificate of Need” (CON) language limited only to Cancer Treatment Centers of America.
- **H.B. 316** – Provides \$150M in state funds for new electronic voting machines that provide voters a paper receipt accounting for their vote.
- **S.B. 2 / S.B. 17-** Provides a path forward for rural broadband deployment via electric membership corporations and telephone cooperatives.
- **S.B. 66** – This legislation completed months of negotiations between the telecom companies and GMA/ACCG for the deployment of new 5G / Small Cell technology.
- **S.B. 106** – The Governor’s Medicaid waivers bill will expand medical coverage to approximately 11 million more Georgians.

Questions?

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